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# FINAL AGENDA

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

**WEDNESDAY, November 14, 2001**  
**8:45 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.**

**WestCoast Grand Hotel at the Park**  
**303 W. North River Drive**  
**Spokane, WA 99201**  
**(509) 777-6304**

*EMERGENCY MESSAGE PHONE DURING THE MEETING: (360) 561-9487*

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**\*\* PLEASE NOTE:** Times below are estimates only. The Board reserves the right to alter the order of the agenda. For information regarding testimony, handouts, other questions or for people needing special accommodation, please contact Desiree Day Robinson at the Board office at (360) 236-4110 by November 9, 2001. This meeting site is barrier free.

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- 8:45 a.m. Call to Order\*\***
- 1. Approval of Agenda—Action**
  - 2. October Minutes—Adoption**
- 9:00 a.m. 3. Welcome – Spokane Health District**
- *John Roskelley, Spokane County Commissioner, Spokane Regional Health District Board Vice Chair*
- 9:10 a.m. 4. Spokane Poverty Assessment**
- *Kim Marie Thorburn, Health Officer, Spokane Regional Health District*
  - *Shanda Diehl, Spokane Regional Health District*
  - *Vic Forni, Executive Director, United Way of Spokane*
  - *Anne Marie Axworthy, Avista Corp.*
  - *John Powers, Mayor, City of Spokane*
- 10:10 a.m. 5. Lake Roosevelt & Spokane River Updates**
- *Monica Tonel, EPA Region 10 Site Assessment Manager*
- 10:35 a.m. 6. Transient Accommodations**
- *Marianne Seifert, WSBOH Staff*
  - *Bliss Moore, Department of Health*
  - *Ellen Haars, Department of Health*
- Board Discussion and Possible Action**
- 10:55 a.m. 7. Update on DOH Review of WAC 246-215 -- Food Code**
- *Marianne Seifert, WSBOH Staff*
  - *Jennifer Tebaldi, Department of Health*
- Board Discussion and Possible Action**
- 11:10 a.m. 8. SBOH Staff Announcements and Other Board Business**
- *Don Sloma, WSBOH Executive Director*
- 11:20 a.m. 9. 2002 WSBOH Meeting Schedule**
- *Don Sloma, WSBOH Executive Director*
- Board Discussion and Possible Action**
- 11:30 p.m. LUNCH**
- 1:00 p.m. 10. Department of Health Update**
- *Mary Selecky, Secretary, Department of Health*
- 1:15 p.m. 11. 2001 Report on Governor Locke's Executive Order on**

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**Regulatory Improvement**

- *Michelle Davis, Department of Health*

**- Board Discussion and Possible Action**

**1:25 p.m. 12. Emergency Preparedness Report & Draft Resolution**

- *Craig McLaughlin, WSBOH Staff*
- *Tom Locke, Board Member*

**- Board Discussion and Possible Action**

**1:55 p.m. 13. Review of Chapter 246-100 WAC & 246-101 – “Reportable Conditions” as they Pertain to Emergency Preparedness**

- *Don Sloma, WSBOH Executive Director*
- *Ward Hinds, Health Officer, Snohomish Health District and WSALPHO President*
- *Kim Marie Thorburn, Health Officer, Spokane Regional Health District*
- *Jac Davies, Department of Health*

**- Board Discussion and Possible Action**

**2:40 p.m. 14. State Health Report**

- *Craig McLaughlin, WSBOH Staff*

**- Board Discussion and Possible Action**

**3:10 p.m. 15. Annual Report**

- *Craig McLaughlin, WSBOH Staff*

**- Board Discussion and Possible Action**

**3:25 p.m. 16. Public Testimony**

**Adjournment**

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*For more information contact the Board office at (360) 236-4110.*

As of: October 31, 2001

**Conferences****1. Community-Based Participatory Research In Public Health~ Symposia Series**

*Sponsored by: WK Kellogg Foundation*

November 16, 2001, University of Washington, Seattle, WA

*For more information, call: Rose Coroneos at (206) 616-3472 and for directions visit Web site at [www.washington.edu/home/maps/southcentral.html](http://www.washington.edu/home/maps/southcentral.html)*

**2. National Conference of State Legislatures Fifth Annual Health Policy Conference**

*Sponsored by: National Conference of State Legislatures*

November 16- November 18, 2001, Elliot Grand Hyatt, Seattle, WA

*For more information, call: NCSL's meeting department at (303) 830-2200 and for directions, visit Web site at [www.ncsl.org/programs/health/health.htm](http://www.ncsl.org/programs/health/health.htm)*

**3. The Sixth Annual Family Policy Council Network Partners' Summit**

*Sponsored by: Family Policy Council*

November 12- November 14, 2001, Tacoma Sheraton Hotel, Tacoma, WA

*For more information, call: Krista Goldstine-Cole at (360) 902-7888*

**4. Seventh Annual Community Care Networking Conference**

*Sponsored by: National Association of Community Health Centers, Inc.*

November 29- December 1, 2001, Hyatt Regency, New Orleans, LA

Improving Health Through Community Networks.

*For more information, call 504-561-1234*

**5. Trends in Health Care Delivery Systems: Managed Care and Other Alternatives**

*Sponsored by: The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality*

December 3 – December 5, 2001, Memphis, TN

*For more information, call (202)-728-9469*

**6. 2001 Washington Health Legislative Conferences**

*Sponsored by: Health Policy Analysis Program*

December 4, 2001, Double Tree Hotel, SeaTac, WA

*For more information, call (206)-543-3670*

**7. 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Nurse Legislative Day**

*Sponsored by: The Washington Nurses Association Political Action Committee*

January 28, 2002, Washington Center for the Performing Arts, Olympia, WA

*For more information, call Anne Tan Piazza at (206) 575-7979 ext 3006*

**8. Quality Connections 2002: Building a Culture for Continuous Improvement**

*Sponsored by: The Washington Health Foundation and Swedish Medical Center*

February 7- February 8, 2002, Bell Harbor Conference Center, Seattle, WA

*For more information, call Devon Love at (206) 285-6355*

**FINAL AGENDA****9. Fifteenth Annual Northwest Regional Rural Health Conference: Mission Impossible**

*Sponsored by: The Washington Rural Health Association And Washington Statewide Office of Rural Health*

March 21 – March 22, 2002, WestCoast Grand Hotel at the Park. Spokane, WA

*For more information, call Cathi Lamoreux at (800) 279-0705*

**10. Fourth Annual Leadership and Educational Conference on Diversity**

*Sponsored by: The Institute For Diversity In Health Management*

July 11- July 12, 2002, Chicago, IL

*For more information, call Rupert Evans at (312) 422-2680*

**11. 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Picker Institute International Symposium: Improving the Patient Experience**

*Sponsored by: National Research Corporation*

July 17- July 19, 2002, The Westin, Copley Place, Boston, MA

*For more information, call (402) 475-2525 ext. 2655*

**Correspondence from the Board****Correspondence to the Board**

*For more information, see the Board website at <http://www.doh.wa.gov/sboh> or contact Desiree Robinson at (360) 236-4107.*

**1. Letter to the Washington State Board of Health**

*Source: Tim Paxton*

A letter regarding the level of mercury contamination in the Lake Whatcom Reservoir and whether advisories should be sent to parents and posted by the shore for the swimmers of the lake.

**2. Letter to Marianne Seifert, Board of Health Staff**

*Source: Ryan Cummings*

A letter to the Board concerning the mercury contamination levels in Lake Whatcom Reservoir. It contains study facts relating to the contamination and its affects to human consumption. This letter comes in two parts. Part two includes some ways to do testing to find out what is causing this pollution and ways to resolve it.

**3. Letter to Board Members and Staff**

*Source: Lynne Saro*

A letter to the Board concerning the findings of a Physicians Assistant and the use of narcotic prescriptions that led to the suicide of her father.

**General Interest****1. Paper Briefing on the Sexual Minorities Health Issues**

*Source: Northwest Policy Institute*

**2. Letter to Mary Selecky, Secretary, Department of Health**

*Source: Nettie Mayersohn, New York State Member of Assembly*

A letter urging the state to impose a Baby AIDS law that mandates all newborns be tested for HIV before leaving the hospital.

**3. Letter to Don Sloma, Executive Director, Washington State Board of Health**

*Source: Choice Regional Health Network*

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A letter inviting Don to be a member of the Choice Regional Health Benefits and Covered Services Functional Team.

**4. Letter to Interested Persons**

*Source: Department of Social and Health Services*

A copy of a new report that summarizes statewide results of a client satisfaction survey that was conducted during the week of March 26, 2001.

**5. Letter to Jacob Romo, Aging and Adult Services Administration**

*Source: Bill White, Assistant Secretary*

A letter addressing the subject of the requirement for food worker cards for adult family home employees.

**6. HRSA Interim Report**

*Source: Washington State Planning Grant on Access to Health Insurance*

Making Health Care Work For Everyone. The Washington State Planning Grant on Access to Health Insurance has just submitted a progress report to the U.S. Health and Human Services Department, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The report primarily provides a progress report on activities and a glimpse into the collection and analysis of data that will become the foundation for examining coverage and access improvement strategies.

This report is available on line at <http://www.ofm.wa.gov/accesshealth/reports/interim/interim.htm>.

**Publications****1. @ a Glance**

*Source: Comprehensive Health Education Foundation Spring 2001*

In this Issue: Media Campaign Spreads the Word... Dealing With Change: There's Got to be a Laugh in Here Somewhere... Shaking off Your Fear Snakes... How Old Would You be if You Didn't Know How Old You Were...RX for Communication Hits the Road... Peer Training Promotes Health for Everyone.

*For more information visit Web site at [www.chef.org](http://www.chef.org)*

**2. @ a Glance**

*Source: Comprehensive Health Education Foundation Fall 2001*

In this Issue: Building a Washington State parent Education & Support Network Workshops...Social Beginnings- Setting the Tone for Early Social Skills...Social Beginnings- Pilot Trainings This Fall... A Great Report Card for Healthy Beginnings... Vision: Look Less, See More.

*For more information visit Web site at [www.chef.org](http://www.chef.org)*

**3. @ a Glance**

*Source: Comprehensive Health Education Foundation Fall 2001*

In this Issue: 2001 Summer Institutes... Healthy Schools Leadership Program Update... Comprehensive Health Education

*For more information visit Web site at [www.chef.org](http://www.chef.org)*

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*Source: National Association of Community Health Centers, Inc. Vol. 2, Number 5*

In this Issue: 2001 RWJ Foundation Leadership Winners... NACHC Election Results and CHI Wrap Up... Health Centers in New York Answer the Call... Community Health Centers Combat Domestic Violence... Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening... Substance Abuse Taking Its Toll... Disaster Relief Efforts... State By State... Female Genital Cutting... Women And HIV/AIDS... Birthing Centers and Midwifery.

**For more information visit Web site at [www.healthaffairs.org](http://www.healthaffairs.org)**

**5. Disease Management Advisor**

*Source: National Health Information, LLC, October 2001*

In this Issue: A new call for tighter diabetic control sparks debate... Focus on enrollment boosts the success of telephonic diabetes program... Care coordination fuels success in new

**For more information, contact National Health Information at (404) 607-9500 or by fax (404) 607-0095**

**6. Health Affairs**

*Source: Health Affairs, September/October 2001*

In this Issue: ABSTRACT: Targeting Communities With Higher Rates of Uninsured Children...Public Attitudes About Genetic Testing for Alzheimer's Disease... SPECIAL REPORT: Small Businesses, Information, And the Decision To Offer Health Insurance.

**For more information visit Web site at [www.healthaffairs.org](http://www.healthaffairs.org)**

**7. Health Information Compliance Insider**

*Source: HIPAA, July 2001*

In this Issue: Adopt E-Mail Policy to Protect Confidential Information...Adopt Privacy Slogan to Increase Staff Awareness

**For more information contact (212) 473-8786 or visit Web site at [www.brownstone.com](http://www.brownstone.com)**

**8. HIPAA**

*Source: Health Information Privacy Alert, June 2001*

In this Issue: Genetic Nondiscrimination Gains Momentum in Washington...Privacy Clarifications at OMB...Blood Donor Notification Rules Draw No Privacy Comments...URAC Plans Closer Look at Privacy in UM...HHS Reverses Itself on SSN's in Child Insurance Program...AMA Updates Guidance on Use of E-Mail...AHIMA Advises Fax Machines Be Placed In Secure Areas...Med Residents Have Reduced Expectation of Privacy...State of Washington Hands All Insurers HIPAA Present...States Race to Adopt GLB Rules That Include Health Data

**For more information, contact HIPAA at (800) 424-4301 or visit Web site at [www.aha.org](http://www.aha.org)**

**9. Issue Brief Findings from HSC**

*Source: Center for Studying Health Systems Change, August 2001*

In this Issue: Physicians Pulling Back From Charity Care...Decline Is Widespread...The Changing Medical Marketplace...Impact On The Uninsured

**For more information contact (202) 484-5261 or visit Web site at [www.hschange.org](http://www.hschange.org)**

**FINAL AGENDA****10. Hospital Trends**

*Source: Department of Health, Vol. 2000-4, October 2001*

In this Issue: The rising number of inpatient and outpatient care and what it means to the economy.

**For more information contact (360) 236-4215 or visit Web site at [www.doh.wa.gov/EHSPHL/hospdatamenu.htm](http://www.doh.wa.gov/EHSPHL/hospdatamenu.htm)**

**11. Issue Brief Findings from HSC**

*Source: Center for Studying Health Systems Change, September 2001*

In this Issue: Managed Care Backlash Unleashes Higher Costs...The Promise of Evidence-Based Medicine...Plans and Providers Play Hardball... There's a Reason they call it Risk

Contracting...Pharmaceutical Costs... The Age Old Trade Off: Cost, Quality and Access

**For more information contact (202) 484-5261 or visit Web site at [www.hschange.org](http://www.hschange.org)**

**12. Issue Brief Findings from HSC**

*Source: Center for Studying Health Systems Change, September 2001*

In this Issue: A corrected version of health care updates that were released on September 26, 2001.

**For more information contact (202) 484-5261 or visit Web site at [www.hschange.org](http://www.hschange.org)**

**13. JAMA: Universal Newborn Hearing Screening**

*Source: Jama Review, Vol 286, No. 16, October 24-31, 2001*

In this Issue: Each year, approximately 5000 infants are born in the United States with moderate-to-profound, bilateral permanent hearing loss (PHL). Universal newborn hearing screening (UNHS) has been proposed as a means to speed diagnosis and treatment and thereby improve language outcomes in these children.

**For more information visit Web site at <http://jama.ama-assn.org/issues/v286n16/abs/jrv10043.html>**

**14. JAMA: Swift Action Needed to Prevent Explosive HIV/AIDS Epidemics in Asia**

*Source: Jama Review, Vol 286, No. 16, October 24-31, 2001*

In this Issue: Some Asian countries are on the brink of a potentially explosive AIDS epidemic if they fail to take immediate measures to prevent HIV spread, according to a new report by the Monitoring the AIDS Pandemic (MAP) Network, a group of more than 100 experts from 40 nations.

**For more information visit Web site at <http://jama.ama-assn.org/issues/v286n16/abs/jrv10043.html>**

**15. Impact of Targeted, School-Based Dental Programs in Reducing Racial and Economic Disparities in Sealant Prevalence Among Schoolchildren---Ohio, 1998-1999**

*Source: CDC, MMWR Weekly, August 31, 2001*

In this Issue: Schools need to promote healthy teeth and gum programs. Many children who are eligible for free or low cost sealant programs do not have this preventive measure in place. Includes a chart of children by race that has and don't have sealants.

**For more information visit Web site at <http://jama.ama-assn.org/issues/v286n16/abs/jrv10043.html>**

**16. NALBOH Newsbrief**

*Source: National Association of Local Boards of Health*

In this Issue: Every Health Department Fully Prepared; Every Community Better protected.... Local Board of Health gets Settlement Dollars in the Community.

**For more information visit Web site at [www.nalboh.org](http://www.nalboh.org) or contact them at (419) 353-7714**



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*Source: School of Public Health and Community Medicine, Fall/Winter 2001 Vol. 18 No. 2*

In this Issue:

- Expanding the School's Scope of service: A message from the Dean of the UW School of Public Health and Community Medicine.
- Northwest Region at a Glance: State public health budget sources and public health structures.
- Climate Change: Changing Climates have a wide range of possible health effects.
- Alaska Subsistence Lifestyles Face Changing Climate: Native people's subsistence lifestyle and culture face changes with a changing climate.
- Public Health Responds to Drought: Drought poses significant threats to safe drinking water.
- Changing Disease Patterns Demand Cross-Field Partnerships: As changing climates widen the range of vector-borne diseases, human and animal health workers need to start talking to each other.
- Wild Fire Smoke: A Local Health Department Meets the Challenge: A case study of the public health response to wildfire smoke in Missoula
- View point. Balancing Conflicting Values: Public health professionals must balance the value conflicts implicit in protecting the public's health.
- Policy Watch. State Legislative Sessions Update: Decisions during 2001 legislative sessions affect public in the Northwest.
- Showcase. Making the Invisible Visible: Marketing Public Health: South Central Health District finds that involving the community yields rich benefits for improving the visibility of public health.
- Public Health Meets the Rainbow Family: What happens when 20,000 people gather in a rural setting?
- Resources: Web sites, other resources, and a calendar of coming events.

*For more information, contact us via email at [nph@u.washington.edu](mailto:nph@u.washington.edu)*

**18. OCVAdvocate**

*Source: Washington State Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development, Office of Crime Victims Advocacy, Quarterly Newsletter, Spring 2001 Vol. 8 No. 4*

In this Issue: Sex Offenders In Our Midst: A Review of Community Notification; Civil Commitment; Contract & Application Information; Show Me The Money; Offender Accountability Act; Victims' Rights Week; The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; WCSAP 2001 Annual Conference; Upcoming Events.

*For more information, contact OCVA at (800) 822-1067, or visit Web site at [www.ocva.wa.gov](http://www.ocva.wa.gov)*

**19. OPINION: Healthy Nation, Strong Nation**

*Source: The Miami Herald, Wednesday, October 10, 2001*

In this Section: This article states the nation's need to prepare for crises and respond to daily public health needs. Communication and information flow among medical and public health professionals at local, state and national levels need to become matters of routine, rather than ad hoc interactions that only occur in a crisis. Health security is a basic right of Americans as police and fire protection. And in times of crisis such as this, it is clear to all that health security is synonymous with national security.

Also: The House Panel Approves Big Increases for Public Health Defenses. \$20M for health tracking would improve capability to detect and respond to conventional and terrorist threats to public health.

*For more information contact: Susan Polan at (202) 589-0940*

**20. Public Health Issues in Disaster Preparedness: Focus on Bioterrorism**

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*Source: Aspen Publishers, Inc.*

In Response to the tragic events of September 11, we realize that many organizations are reevaluating their own disaster preparedness plans and ensuring that they have adequate programs and policies in place. To that end, we have utilized our editorial resources to develop a resource designed to help your organization recover and plan for the future.

***For more information visit their Web site at <http://seattlep-i.nwsources.com>***

**21. Quiet Exodus From State's Farm Fields**

*Source: Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Friday, October 12, 2001*

In this Article: With the recent climate changes, Eastern Washington has not only suffered a produce loss but an employment loss as well. Many of these migrant workers have flooded to the cities and other states looking for jobs and homes. State assistance has significantly increased as well as unemployment rates among non-English speaking people. Not only has the produce suffered but the warehouses that house all these products have decreased in number. This has cost Yakima Valley as many as 500 warehouse jobs alone.

***For more information visit their Web site at <http://seattlep-i.nwsources.com>***

**22. Senior Care Management**

*Source: National Health Information, LLC Vol. 4 Number 10, October 2001*

In this Article: Patients get team approach for multiple conditions... Kaiser fuses together system of care for fracture patients... Study highlights nutrition in preventing pressure ulcers... Treatment of normal pressure hydrocephalus brings life back to seniors... News briefs.

***For more information, call (800) 597-6300, or visit Web site at [www.nhionline.net](http://www.nhionline.net)***

**23. Sharing the Excitement of Science**

*Source: Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, September/October 2001*

In this Issue: PNNL's Science a Key Contributor to Motorola's Semiconductor Advances... Oregon Universities Partner with Laboratory... Water and Energy\_ Managing Powerful Partners... Habitat Mapping Helps Preserve Environment... Reinhold Mann Named Deputy Laboratory Director at PNNL

***For more information, contact PNNL at (888) 375-6550 or visit their website at [www.pnl.gov](http://www.pnl.gov)***

**24. State Health Notes**

*Source: National Conference of State Legislatures, September 24, 2001*

In this Issue:

- Cover Story – TennCare in Transition: Is Change in Store for Medicaid Managed Care 'Experiment'? Unhappy docs, rescind costs and reports of fraud are forcing policymakers to take a look at fundamental reform.
- Primary care News – A recent CDC report highlights disparities in health risk and health status based on where people live. Bottom line: suburbia is healthier.
- Highlights –Hospital Costs... FL RX drug formulary... MI study of the blues... Diabetes & obesity... Research agenda for prevention... DC study on addictions... ID, FL focus on drug treatment... Medical research on humans... NV survey into pharmacy practice, errors.
- Tracking Trends – Insurance reform has taken on various shapes this year: mandates, bare bones and study commissions.
- FYI - Spokane, Washington's Health Improvement Partnership works to help disabled residents hurdle mobility barriers, get back to work.

***For more information, contact NCSL at (303) 830-2200.***

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*Source: National Conference of State Legislatures, October 8, 2001*

In this Issue:

- Cover Story – Pharmacists today do more than dispense pills. But even as they take responsibility for helping control the use and cost of medications and for managing care, the profession faces an acute shortage. Here's a review of the changing face of pharmacy.
- Focus on – States are exploring a variety of strategies to control prescription drug costs, especially in Medicaid. One new idea: recycling sealed, leftover drugs that will otherwise literally go down the drain.
- Highlights – Health insurance costs... SCHIP changes in MD, VA, DE, NJ, PA... Women & insurance... Residential substance abuse treatment... Minorities & mental health... NJ drug treatment plan... Medicaid shortfall in nursing homes... LTC quality... MI end-of-life commission report.
- Tracking Trends – As the popularity of online pharmacies grows, states are addressing sales, licensure issues.
- FYI - Trying to shed its image as “the fourth-fattest state”, Michigan is promoting weight management *via* the Healthy Lifestyles Program.

***For more information, contact NCSL at (303) 830-2200.***

**26. State Health Notes**

*Source: National Conference of State Legislatures, October 22, 2001*

In this Issue:

- Cover Story – To save the Oregon Health Plan- once seen as a vehicle for “rationing” care- the governor has proposed expanding eligibility while scaling back benefits and imposing cost-sharing rules. The waiver application is in the works.
- Behavioral Health News - A recent Surgeon General's report looks at how disparities in mental health treatment affect racial and ethnic minority populations.
- Highlights – NC patients' bill of rights... CA right to sue case... TX AG, docs take on managed care... Medicaid backlog... Nursing grants... MO Rx benefits for seniors... OK antismoking campaign... Drug use survey... NE breast cancer screening event... AK suicide prevention task force...ADHD guidelines and response.
- Tracking Trends – California's Prop 36 sending nonviolent drug offenders into treatment rather than jail is stirring interests in other states. The tally.
- FYI – In partnership with seven premier children's hospitals, the Education Development Center is seeking to promote family-centered palliative care for dying children.

***For more information, contact NCSL at (303) 830-2200.***

**27. State Health Notes**

*Source: National Conference of State Legislatures, November 5, 2001*

In this Issue:

- Cover Story – These are rough times for the nation's nursing homes, what with the shortage of direct-care workers and rising liability insurance costs. Here's a look into what three states- Florida, Texas and Ohio- are doing to address the problems.
- Highlights – NC patients' bill of rights... CA right to sue case... TX AG, docs take on managed care... Medicaid backlog... Nursing grants... MO Rx benefits for seniors... OK antismoking campaign... Drug use survey... NE breast cancer screening event... AK suicide prevention task force...ADHD guidelines and response.

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- FYI – In partnership with seven premier children's hospitals, the Education Development Center is seeking to promote family-centered palliative care for dying children.
- Feature Article- Prostate cancer will kill 31,500 American men this year. But the value of screening and treatment remains controversial. What should state do while the debate goes on?
- Health Talk – Elmer Huerta, a medical oncologist by training, discusses the rationale behind his "cancer preventorium."
- Vital Signs- A visual tally of cancer cases and deaths in the US by site and sex.

***For more information, contact NCSL at (303) 830-2200.***

**28. WSPHA**

*Source: Washington State Public Health Association, Spring 2001*

In this Issue: Public Health Month 2001...President's Corner...8<sup>th</sup> Annual Joint Conference on Health...Summary of WSPHA January and March Board Meetings...Public Health Launches New Immunization Web Site...Summer Institute for Public Health Practice 2001...APHA Committee on Affiliates Holds Mid-year Meeting...Public Health Journal Gets a New Name and New Focus...Yakima County Immunization Survey Executive Summary...Public Health Loses a Pioneer...Send Resolutions! Public Health Field Placements & Thesis Project...Please Respond to this Survey...UW, School of Public Health and Community...Medicine Announce Certificate Program...Nominations Wanted for WSPHA Board...Exhibitor/Sponsor Information for the Joint Conference...Exhibitor/Sponsor Registration Form...Preliminary Program-2001 Joint Conference on Health...Registration for Joint Conference on Health...WSPHA Call for Award Nominations...WSPHA Award Nomination Form

***For more information, contact WSPHA on Web site at [www.wspha.org](http://www.wspha.org)***

**29. WSMA Reports**

*Source: Washington State Medical Association, September/October 2001*

In this Issue: Newsclips – Looking for volunteers for Seattle youth gun violence program... Contraceptive coverage for women... Access to cancer treatment for uninsured Washington women... UW awarded grants to continue genome research... Local clinic receives grant to expand access to underserved... WSMA calls for coordination in mobilizing for terrorist attack.

- CME's – Upcoming Courses
- Update from Physicians Insurance – Petitions for nominating Board of Directors
- Risk Management – Informed consent, tincture of time, telephone prescribing and accrediting groups
- Health Care Economics: DSHS seeks Medicaid waiver to charge premiums, co-payments
- Classifieds – Current ad listings
- Newsmakers – Members making news

***For more information visit Web site at [www.wsma.org](http://www.wsma.org)***